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SPEAKER: While the Legislature is in session and capable of doing business I am about to sign and do sign LB 74, also 74A, and LB 142.

(Senator Savage presiding)

PRESIDENT: We'll continue our debate on LB 328. The next light that's on is Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This morning Senator Chambers passed something around that said "the order of the day was motions, emotions and commotions". We had the first two until Senator Marsh spoke. Now we've had the last one, so I guess we've had them, all three. To get back to the item of business at hand. We've heard all of the emotions as to why we should kill it. We've gone through this several times as to how terrible the federal government is to us when they give us money they require us to do certain things. Now they require us to do a good thing to protect ourselves from ourselves and we're resentful of it. If we want to get emotional and turn down things, let's turn down the welfare payments that the federal government to make to this state and we'll really have something. I was accused of being a prostitute a few days ago because I was supporting this. I wish to report that business so far has been very poor.

In closing, just to make it brief, we have regulations on all of the grants that we get from the federal government including anything you can think of. I urge you to turn down this kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I too rise to oppose the motion to kill. I had a letter from one of the county attorneys in one of the counties that I represent. He said he noticed where I'd been supporting this bill, and he hoped I would continue to do so. He said that he had a wreck with his motorcycle and he was sure that the helmet saved his life. He said that anyone that doubted that if they'd take a look at the helmet it could very easily verify it. This bill does ... will save lives. If you notice motorcyclists that are on the Interstate, traveling across country, they all wear their helmets. I know several years ago when I was on the Public Works Committee the people would come in and oppose the bill, but they would always say, well when we ride the cycle we use the helmets. They said, we object because we don't want the government telling us we have to. If they're going to use them anyway I don't think this is such a big imposition to require them to have a helmet when they ride their motorcycle. I certainly oppose the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, do you still have your light on?